















Graffiti artists 'taq' downtown

Downtown Franklin Street has long included several businesses featuring the works of local artists. Now some of those businesses — in addition to others in the downtown area — are featuring the work of criminals.

The works are not commissioned but are graffiti plastered on the walls and windows of the businesses with the aid of spray paint or permanent markers. "The look of it just brings the environment down," said Paige King, owner of Franklin Street's Hodgepodge. "It's associated with a place that's rundown and not safe."

Writing on the wall

The graffiti that has returned downtown this summer may initially look like incoherent scribbles, or a tangled piece of string. Further inspection, however, reveals that the tangles repeat themselves throughout the downtown area. These "tags" are the signatures of the graffiti writers who leave them. Based on graffiti common in and around downtown, W3K and WISE are currently two prominent local tag artists, though business owners have reported seeing at least two other recurring tags. Though graffiti

is often associated with gang-culture, the downtown tags have no link to local gangs, according to Sgt. Cheryl Anderson, the department's spokesperson. "A lot of people consider this work as an art form kind of thing," Anderson said. "It's sad because a lot of these people are very talented." Even King was willing to grant the graffiti a sense of artistic merit. "It is pretty," King said. "I just don't want it on private property."

Some larger cities sponsor legal walls where graffiti writers can display and create their work. These cities feature graffiti that is more mural-like, and often more colorful, than what is generally seen in Clarksville.

Owners' responsibility

Under a city ordinance passed during Clarksville Mayor Johnny Piper's first term, property owners can be fined for not removing graffiti on their property. Building and Codes Director Jim Pillow said the ordinance requires that property owners be given written notice regarding the graffiti. They are required to either remove it or attend a hearing within two weeks. If they fail to comply, Pillow said the city will clean the graffiti and forward the costs to the owner. Additionally, the owner can be cited into city court, with each day the graffiti goes unclean considered an adiabate all



infraction. Those arrested for graffiti writing can be charged with vandalism. Punishments vary with the amount of property damage. Sgt. Anderson said the best way of catching a graffiti writer is to send out photos of the writers in action, or to catch them nearly in the act. "It's very hard to paint something and not get some paint on your fingers," she said.

Fighting paint with paint

University Avenue's Lovin' Spoonful Cafe, owned by Jane Burney, has been tagged repeatedly this summer. "We've been open for five months, and I've been tagged twice," Burney said. The first tag was left on the building's second story, and took up half the wall.

Burney described it as having "three colors (with) lots of details — really nice artwork." It was so ornate that Burney could not decipher the name. After painting over the graffiti, Burney said she was hit a month later by inferior taggers. She said the second round looked like someone just took a spray can and made some lines. "No artistic value at all," Burney said. She added they were at least legible, but declined to identify the taggers — lest they be encouraged to try again.

A month ago, Burney hired a professional to paint "Lovin' Spoonful" and "Cafe" on the sides of her building — and either through coincidence or the fact graffiti writers tend to respect the work of other artists, the building has not been tagged since.





























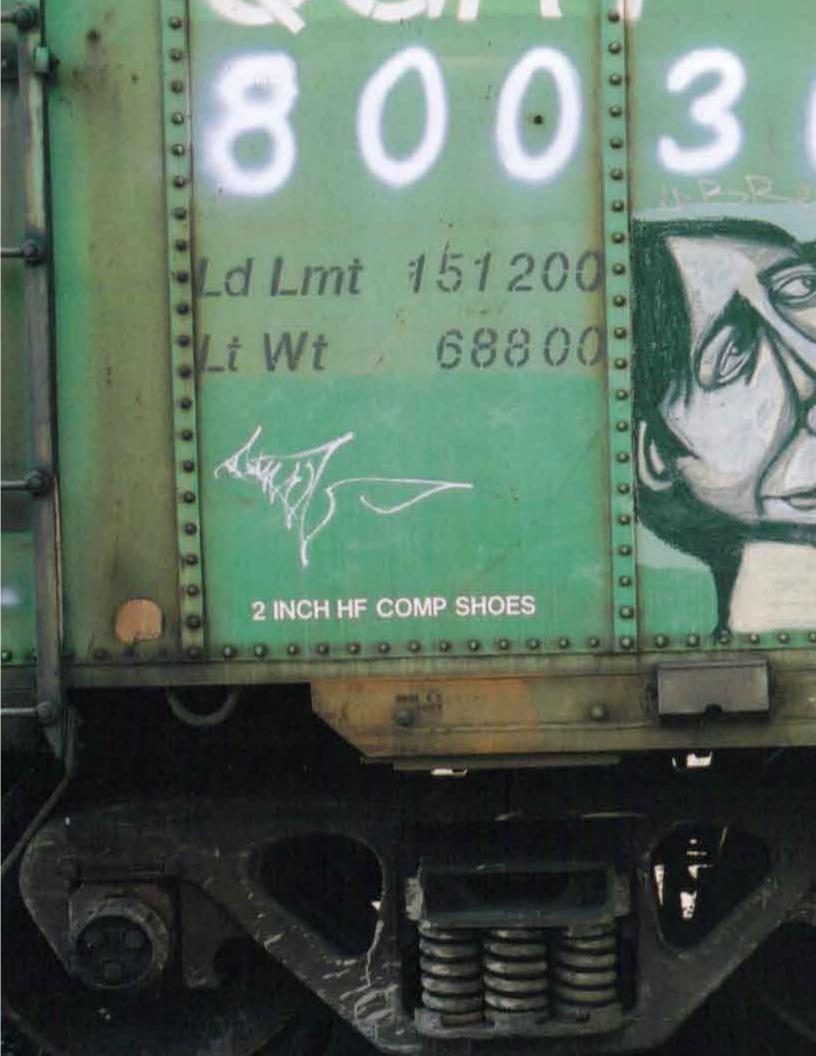








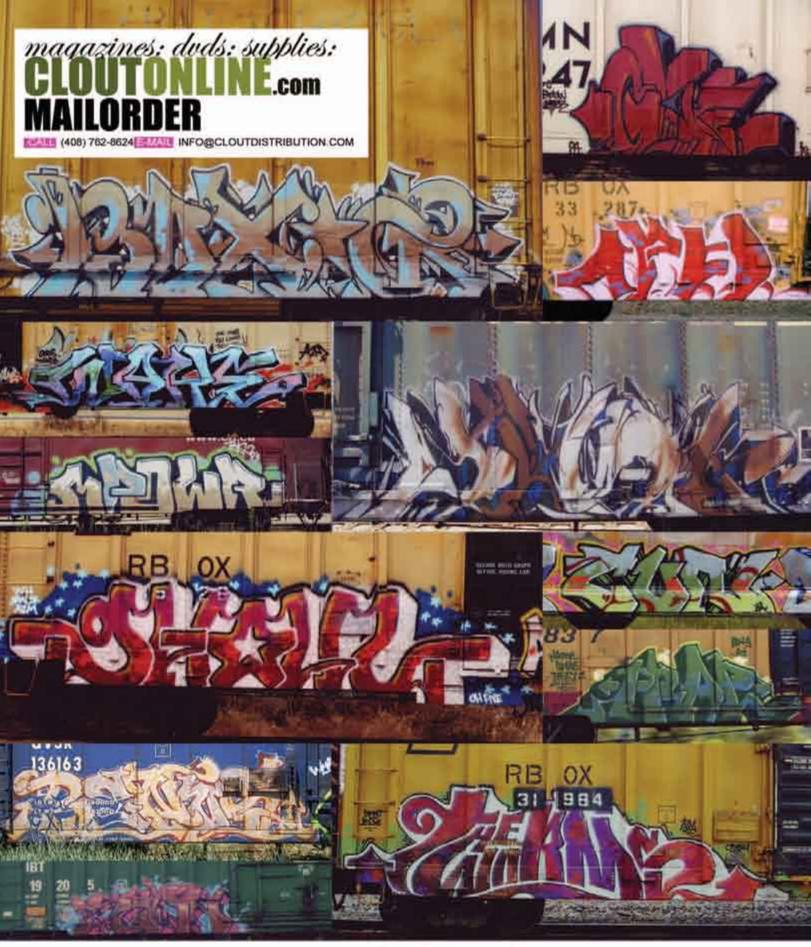




















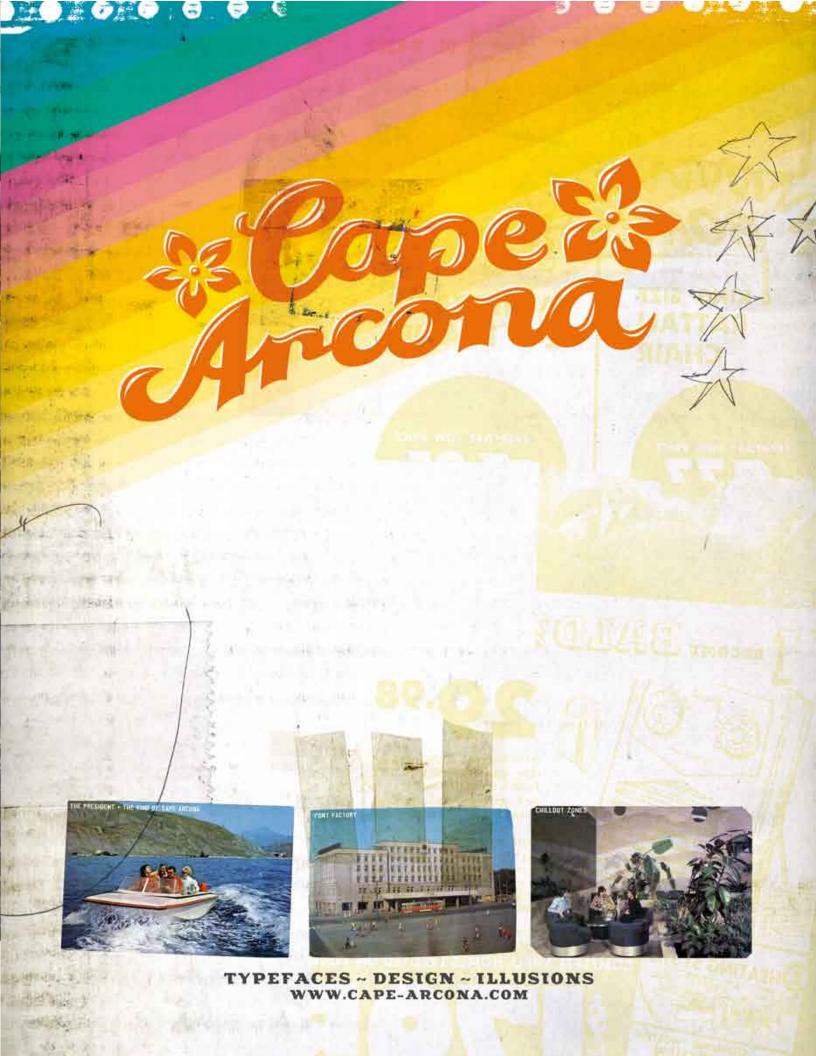












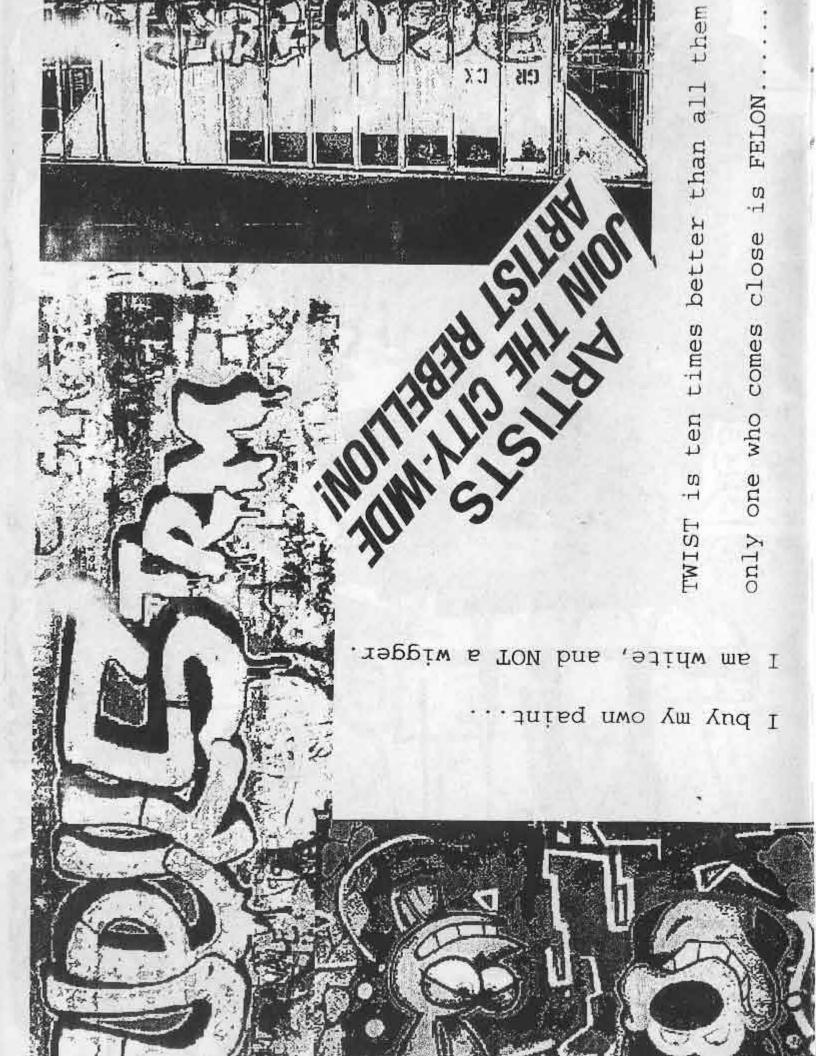
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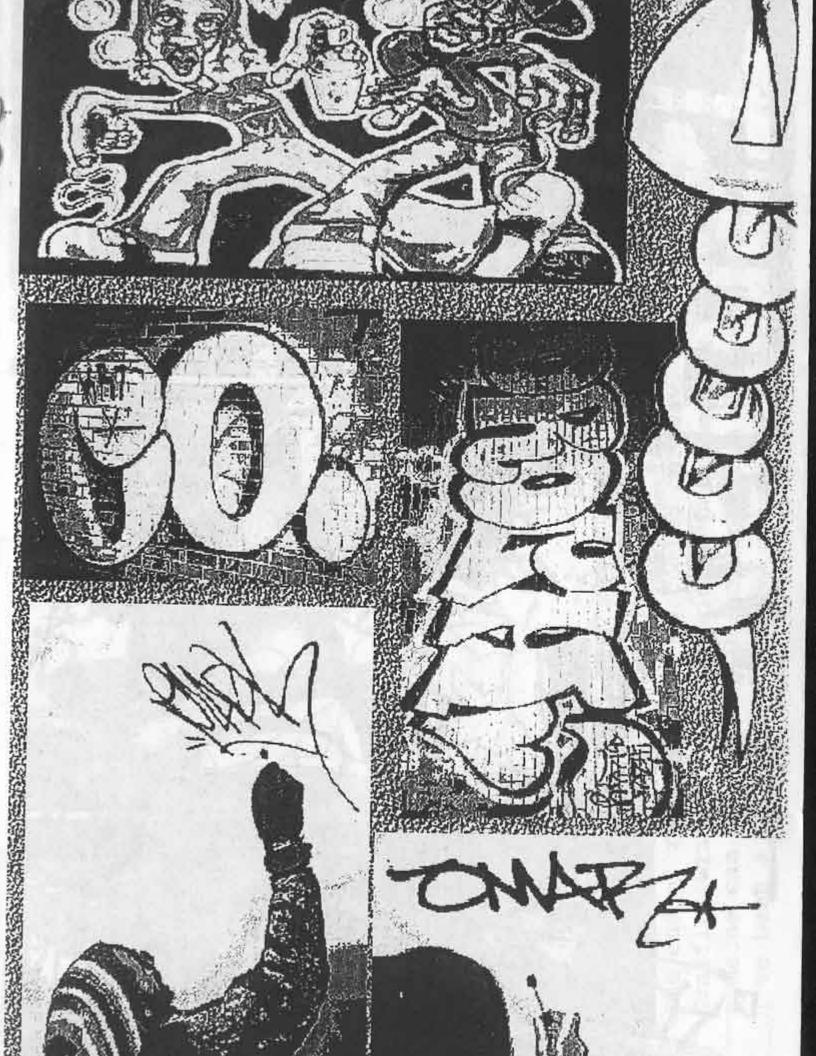
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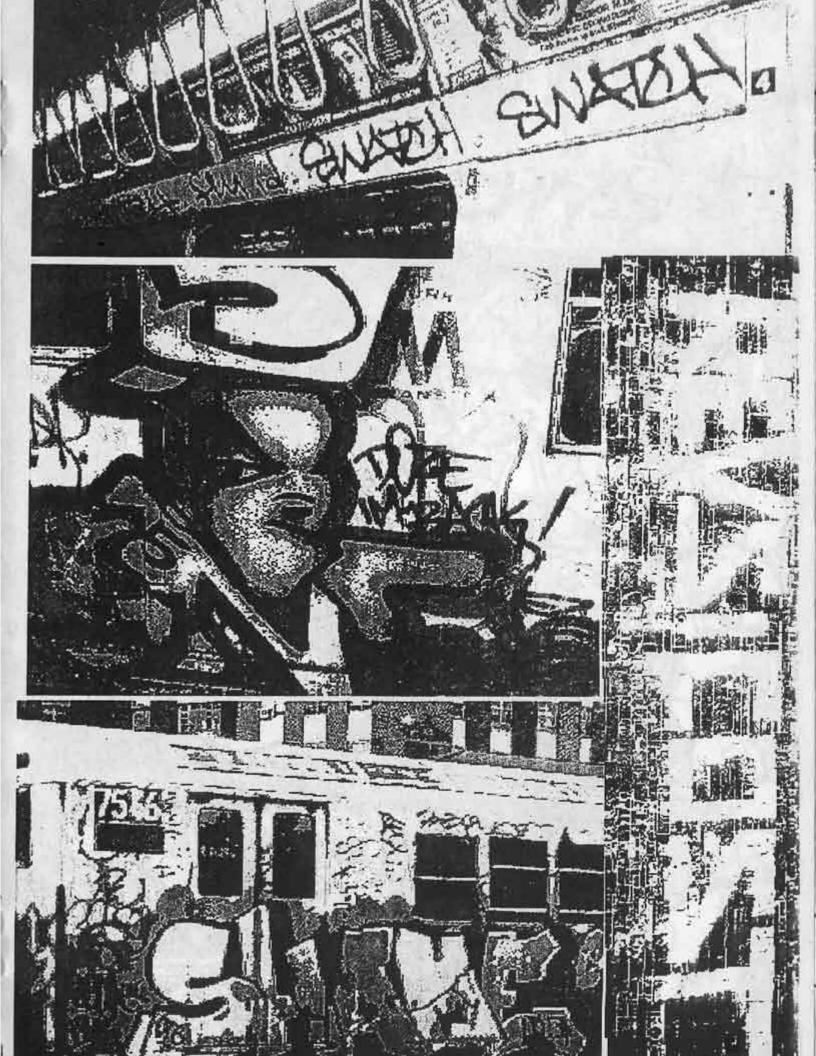
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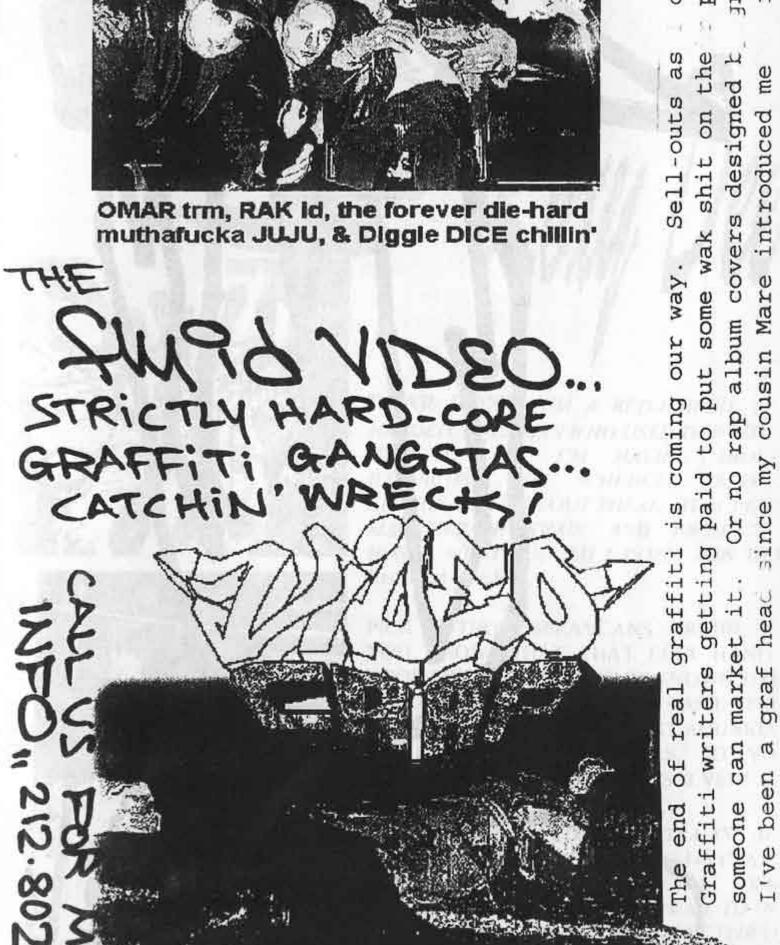
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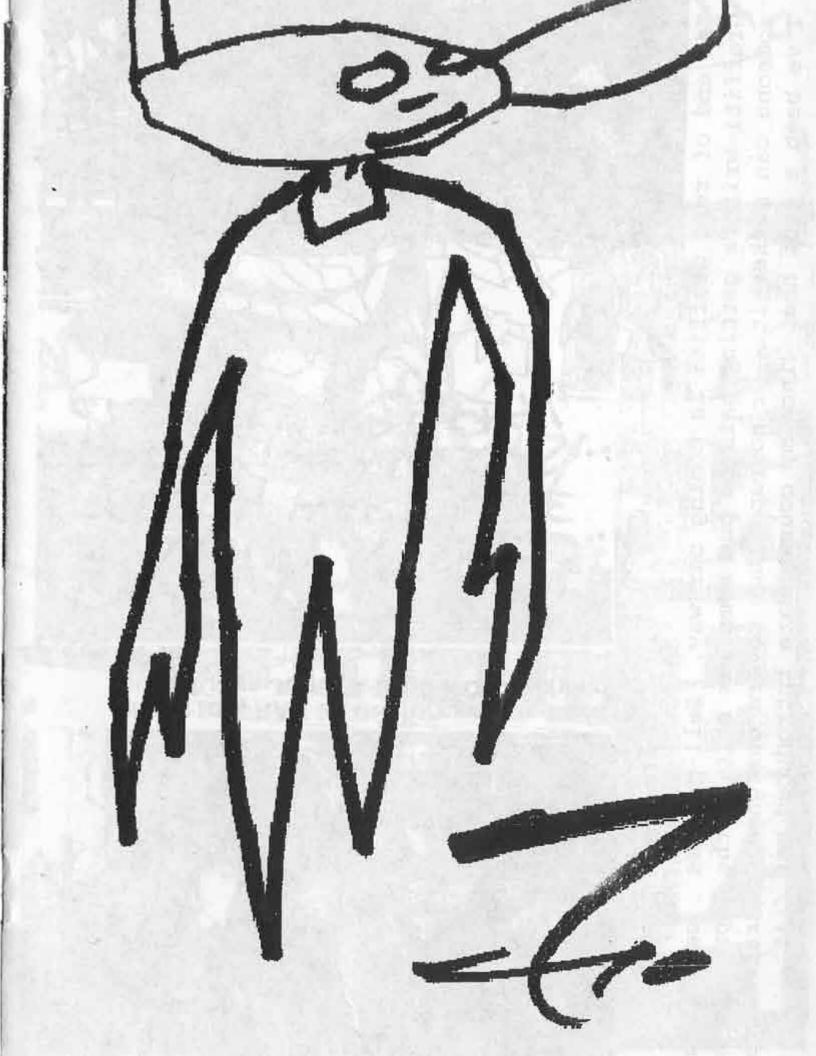








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PICK UP THOSE SPRAYCANS ARCIIIE. A YOU KNOW WHAT THAT LEFT HAND GOOD FOR, AQUARIANS ARE KNOWN TO I A GREAT DEAL & MAKE THE SAME STU! MISTAKES REPEATEDLY. MOST AQUARIA MAKE GOOD BUS DRIVERS, SO YOU COMMUTING PROBLEMS ARE SOLVED!

DEAR ROXY: YO, THE TRAINS AT BOMBED NO MORE AND I GOT 7,345 CANS SPRAYPAINT, I FEEL THE CLEAN TRAICALLING MY NAME, ASKING FOR ME TO DO TOP-TO-BOTTOM WHOLE CAR, JUST FOR OUTMES SAKE...WHAT SHOULD I DO BABALOU182, Boogie Down Bronx.

"THRO-UP"

I GRAB THE MIC

AND SAY 'YES, YES, Y'ALL'

('U'SE AT A JAM I'M NOT THE TYPE

TO HOLD UP THE WALL
BUT I MIGHT SCRAWL

MY NAME IN GRAFFITI STYLE

OR GET WILD AND WRITE

MY NAME ON A '5' TRAIN

WE USED TO WAIT TILL AFTER DARK
THEN ATTACK IT,
PULL OUT THE FAT MARKERFROM MY BLACK PARKA JACKET
FUCK THE LANDMARK,
I'LL USE MY TRADEMARKAND SMACK IT-

I'M FEELING NAUGHTY,

RAK A '40'- THEN I CRACK IT.

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AND HIT THE TRAIN YARD,

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IN BE ON YOUR GUARD.

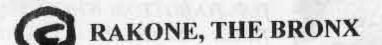
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BE HAVIN' CANS

AND PULLIN' CARDS,

WHAT UP GOD,
IT'S THE TET SQUADFROM THE BRONX

WHERE ALL MY UNCLES AND MY AUNTS,
AND MY COUSINS ROCK BOOTS,
CUZ MY WHOLE DAMN FAMILY STOMPS!



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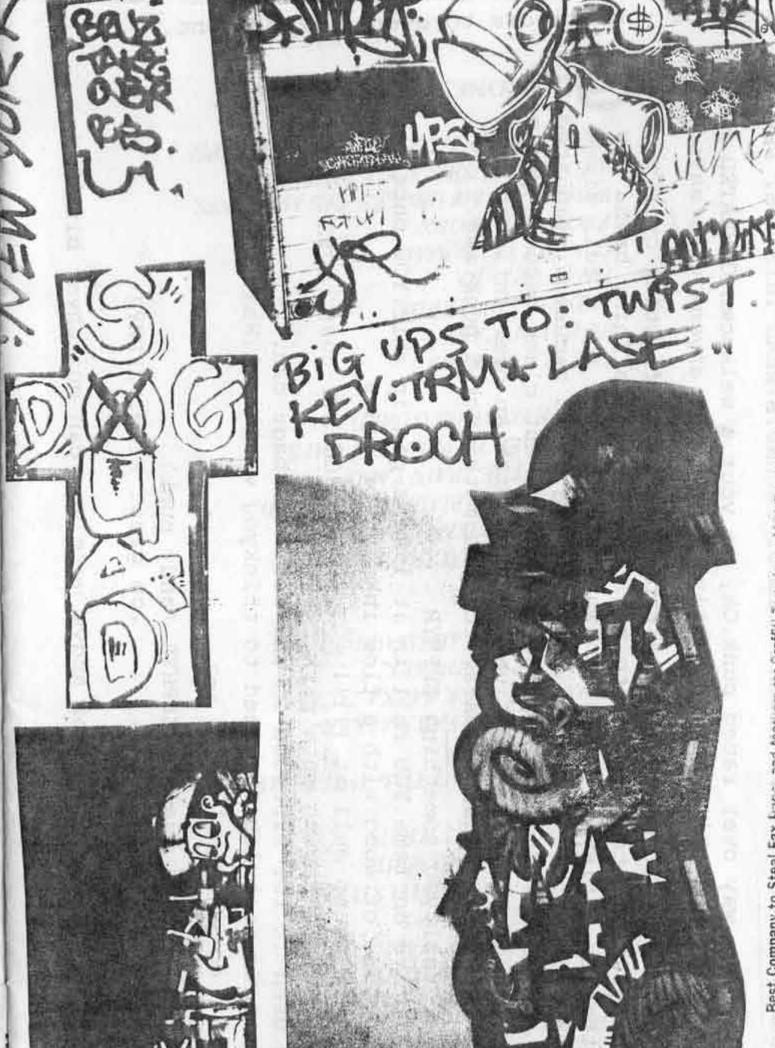
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you. do you know who i am?

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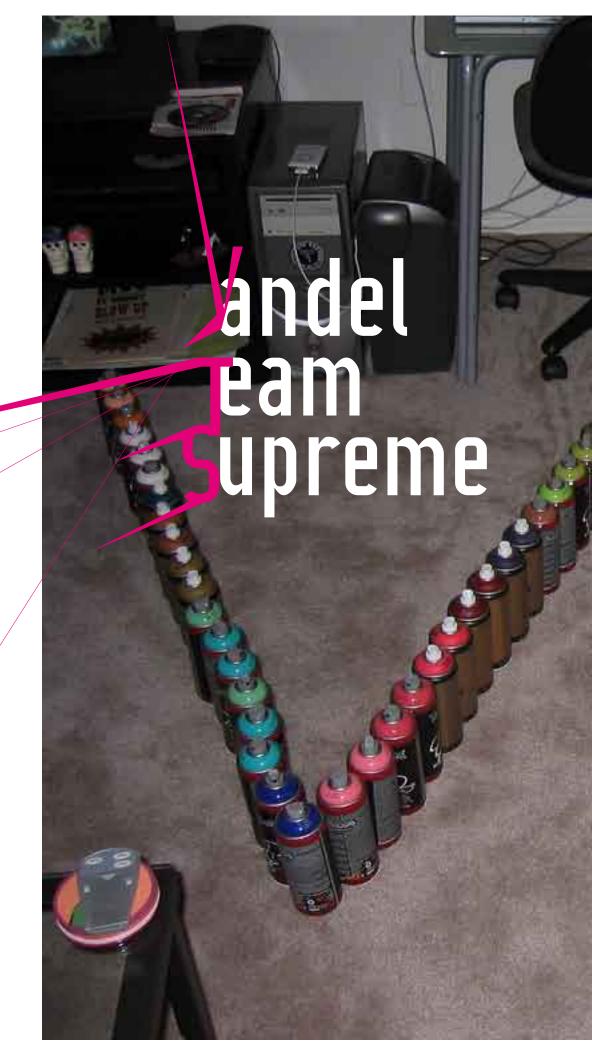












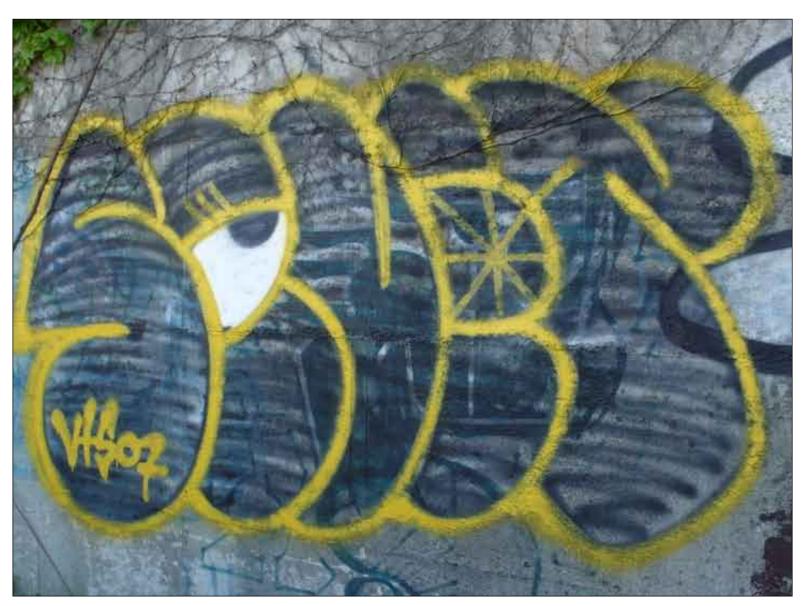








































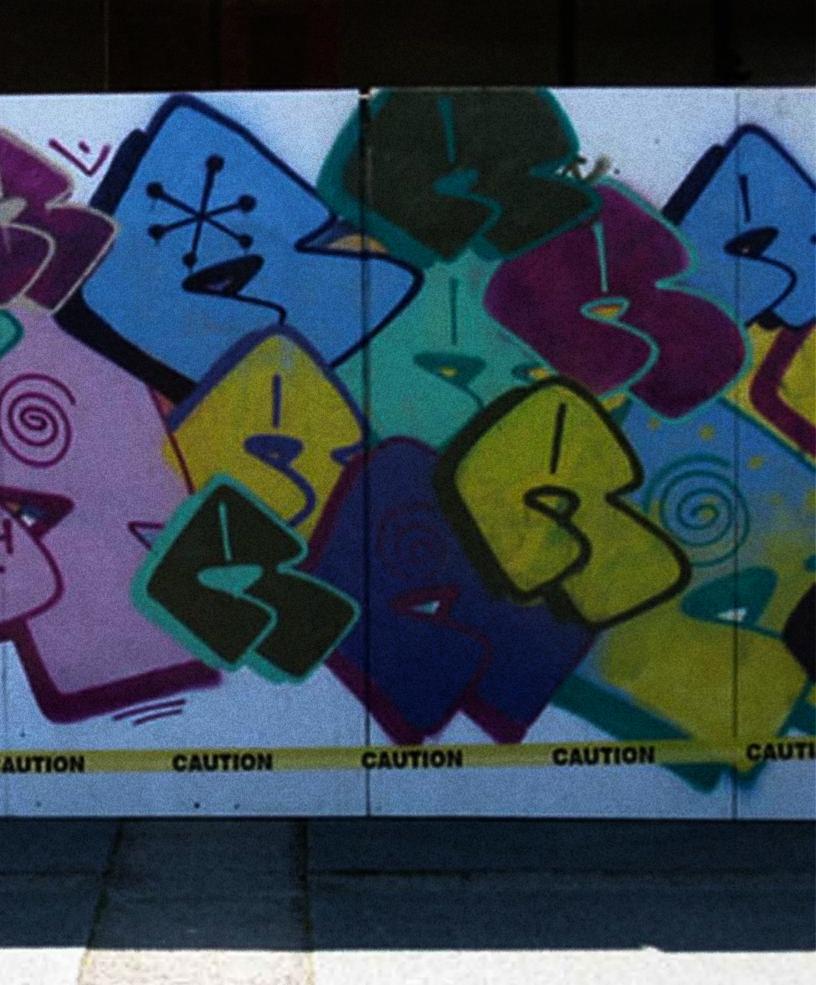






















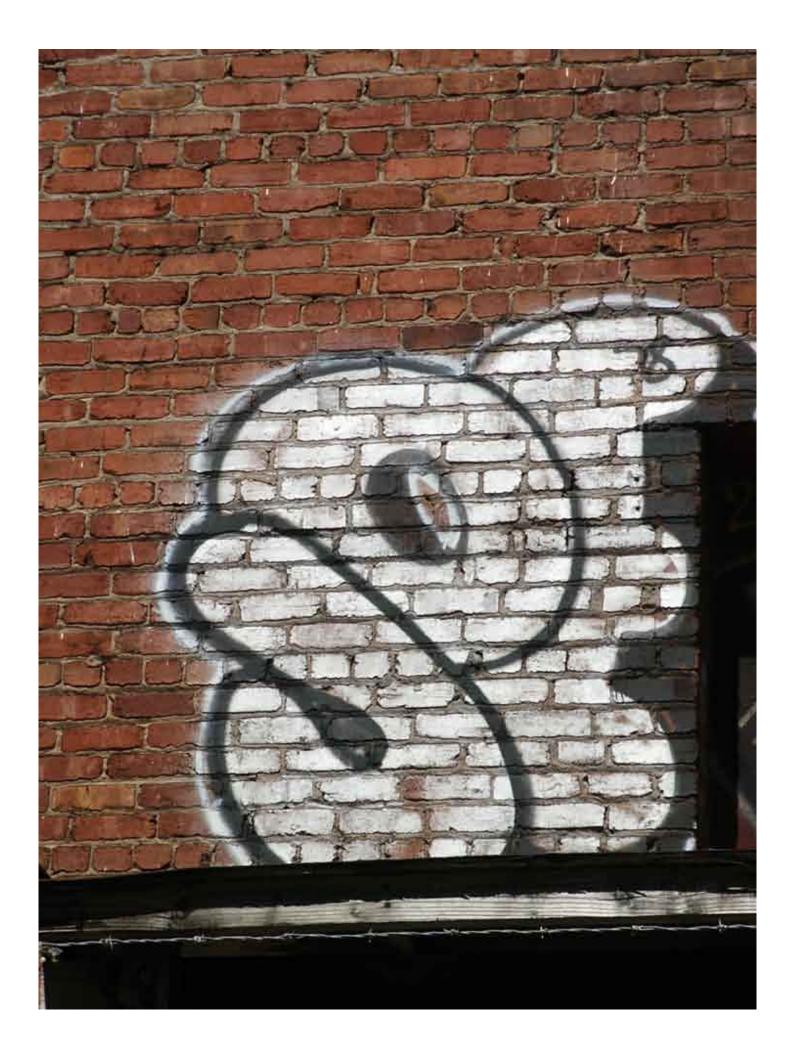


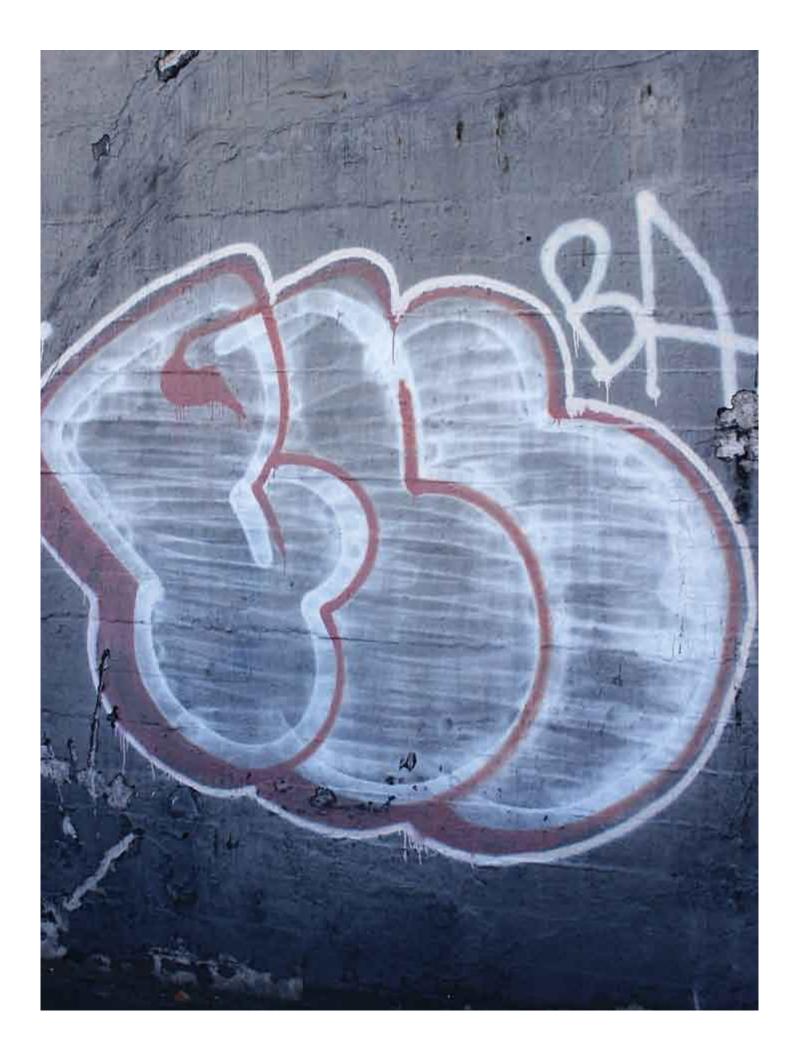










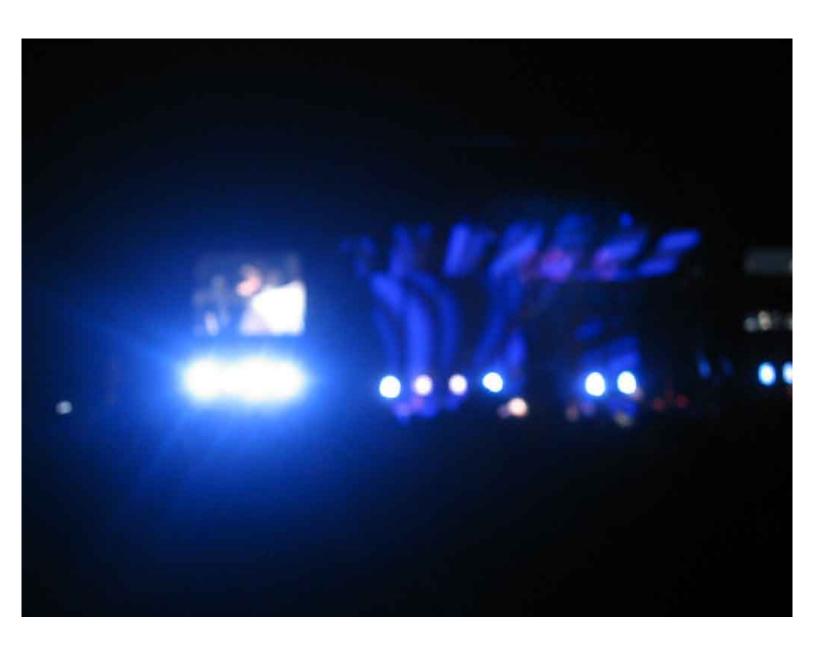




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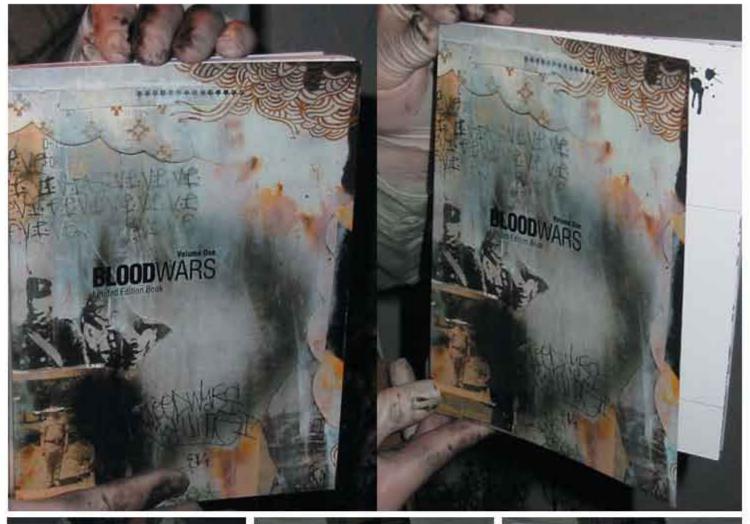
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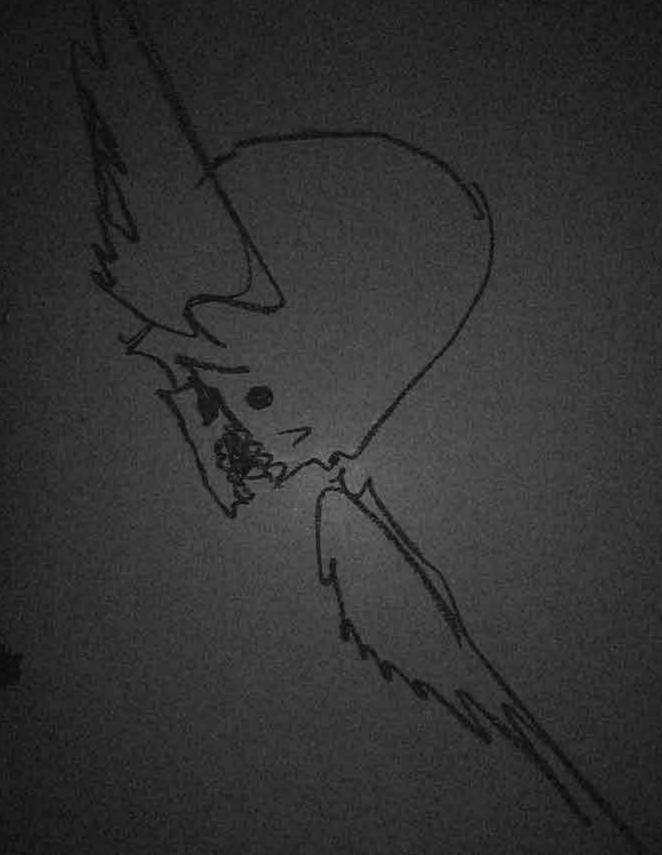
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